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The above-referenced U.S. Patent Application was in Appeal. Applicants have elected to file a Request for Continued Examination to remove the case from Appeal and continue prosecution. Applicants thus respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced U.S. Patent application in light of the following.

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